

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. **(Currently Amended)** An apparatus for nebulising a liquid, in particular for aerosol therapy, the apparatus comprising:

a nebulising ampoule provided with at least one opening for aspirating and/or expelling air from/to the environment and with a mouthpiece for dispensing a nebulisation of medical product; and

a valve for regulating a flow of air into and/or out of the ampoule, said valve being positioned in correspondence with said at least one opening, and comprising:

a shutter able to move between an operative blocking configuration corresponding to an obstruction of said at least one opening and an operative configuration of consent to the passage of the flow of air,

a ring connected to the shutter to anchor the shutter to a tubular portion of the ampoule, said tubular portion being positioned in correspondence with the at least one opening, and

a plurality of deformable connecting elements between the ring and the shutter to allow said shutter to move from said operative blocking configuration to said operative configuration of consent and vice versa, said movement being directly caused by an inspiration and/or expiration phase by a user, the deformable elements are spiral shaped and have a first end fastened peripherally to the shutter and a second end fastened to the ring,

wherein the shutter, the ring and the deformable elements are integrally provided in and define a single body of the valve and wherein the single body is made of a polymeric material.

2. **(Canceled)**

3. **(Previously Presented)** The apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a holed protective element positioned in correspondence with the at least one opening to prevent the introduction of foreign bodies into the ampoule.

4. **(Currently Amended)** The apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a second shutter to cover a first opening of the at least one opening of the ampoule necessary to expel to the environment air exhaled by a user, said second shutter being a deformable reed-like body having an end fastened in correspondence with the first opening and an end that is free to move away from the first opening to uncover the first opening at least partially and allow the escape of air.

5. **(Previously Presented)** The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the valve is associated with a supplementary channel of the ampoule.

6. **(New)** The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the polymeric material is rubber.